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SUBJECT: NEW DIRECTOR-GENERAL, AGENCY OF INDUSTRIAL SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY, MITI

1. DR. MASAO KUBOTA, 59 YEARS OLD, DIRECTOR OF
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING LABORATORY, AIST/MITI, IS REPLACING
DR. KEISHIN MATSUMOTO AS DIRECTOR-GENERAL, AIST/MITI.
DR. MATSUMOTO IS RETIRING AFTER SERVING AS AIST DIRECTOR-
GENERAL SINCE 1973. DR. KUBOTA'S APPOINTMENT AS NEW
AIST DIRECTOR-GENERAL WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON JULY 27.

2. DR. KUBOTA HAS BEEN WITH MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
LABORATORY, ONE OF THE 16 AIST LABORATORIES, FOR OVER
30 YEARS, HE GRADUATED FROM FACULTY OF ENGINEERING,
UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO, IN 1942.

3. COMMENT: MATSUMOTO HAS BEEN PRINCIPAL SENIOR-LEVEL
CONTACT FOR USG ON NON-NUCLEAR ENERGY R&D MATTERS.
DUE TO NATURE OF JAPANESE BUREAUCRACY, WE ARE NOT HOPEFUL
THAT KUBOTA WILL BREATHE NEW LIFE INTO SUNSHINE PROGRAM.
END COMMENT.
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